



Workshop 2 -- Establishing Objectives

Workshop Overview

What We Have Done

Since the CALFED Bay-Delta Program began, the program staff have been working to develop a comprehensive, detailed definition of the problems to be addressed in the Bay-Delta system. This work has included a review of problems identified during previous projects (Bay-Delta Oversight Council, The San Francisco Estuary Project, CVPIA, etc.), consultation with CALFED agencies, and input from public forums and presentations.

At the first public workshop on August 3, participants listed problems and concerns related to the four main issue areas: Water Quality, Ecosystem Quality, Water Supply, and System Vulnerability. In addition to listing the problems identified by workshop participants, the staff recorded any *causes* of the problems, suggested *objectives*, and possible *actions* to address the problems. Causes and actions will be discussed in more detail at future workshops.

Program staff have reviewed all of the problems identified, listed them as brief statements in outline format, and arranged them in a set of tree diagrams showing increasing level of detail for each problem. This Problem Definition, including problem listings in both outline and tree formats is included in this packet for your review.

Workshop Activities

At Workshop 2, we will be working to finalize the Problem Definition. During the morning workshop session, the staff will conduct a discussion of the enclosed Problem Definition to ensure that it is a thorough and detailed description of the problems to

be addressed. Please review the Draft Problem Definition before the workshop to determine if it captures the important problems in the Bay-Delta system.

In the afternoon session, the staff will lead a discussion of Mission Statement and objectives for the program. The objectives will define what the program is to accomplish with a solution alternative. During the discussion, staff will be seeking your input on objectives that describe successful solutions to each of the Bay-Delta problems. A preliminary set of objectives has been developed by the Program staff for your review prior to the workshop. This material is presented in order to stimulate discussion. We expect substantial refinement during and after the workshop. At the conclusion of the day, participants will discuss and refine the draft Mission Statement based on the objectives developed at the workshop.

Next Steps

The Mission Statement and the objectives developed with input from Workshop 2 will be presented by the staff to the Bay Delta Advisory Council for review and to CALFED for final approval. The objectives will be further developed into a set of performance measures, as the next step in the planning process. Performance measures will be used to evaluate and compare the effectiveness of potential solutions. The performance measures will be discussed at Workshop 3 (October 12). At Workshop 3, the Program staff will also be working with participants to list potential actions to address problems in the Bay-Delta system.